

The Georgia Board of Nursing met June 26, 2017 via telephone conference from the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President  
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN  
Dellarie Shilling, RN, MSN, FNP-B  
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN, Immediate Past Vice President  
Brenda Rowe, RN, MN, JD, Immediate Past President  
Fredettina (Tina) Fletcher, LPN  
Merry Fort, RN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Andrea Phipps, LPN  
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC  
Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP, President  
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC, CNL  
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN  
Blair Train, Consumer Member

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Shirley Smith, Board Support Specialist  
Kirsten Daugdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General

### **VISITORS PRESENT**

Velda Graham  
Christine Mullen

Hooper called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 26, 2017. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

### **BOARD RULES 410-3**

Lockwood moved to adopt the proposed amendments to Board Rule 410-3-.01. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **Rule 410-3-.01 Licensure by Endorsement (RN)**

(1) An applicant for licensure by endorsement, including a military spouse and a transitioning service member as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34(a), who is licensed as a registered nurse in another U.S. state, territory or district must submit the following:

- (a) A complete application containing data required by the board attesting that all information contained in, or referenced by, the application is complete and accurate and is not false or misleading;
- (b) The required application processing fee which is not refundable;
- (c) Completed registration as required by the Board to cause the submission of a criminal background check as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-26-7(c)(5);
- (d) Official transcripts documenting graduation from an approved nursing education program as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-26-3(1.2) prior to passing the licensing examination recognized by the Board;
- (e) Verification of licensure from the original licensing jurisdiction which documents one of the following:
  - 1. Prior to July 1982-a score of 350 on each of the five parts of the SBTPE;

2. Prior to February 1989-a minimum score of 1600 on the NCLEX-RN
3. February 1989 and after, must have achieved a passing report on the NCLEX-RN;
- (f) Verification of current, active licensure in another US state, territory or district;
- (g) Documentation of one of the following within four years immediately preceding the date of application:
  1. Five hundred (500) hours of licensed practice as a registered nurse as documented on the verification of employment form provided by the Board;
  2. Graduation from a nursing education program as defined in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-3(1.2) or 43-26-7(e); or
  3. Completion of a Board approved reentry program as defined in Rule 410-4-.03.
- (h) Secure and verifiable documentation of United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States as required by Georgia law; and
- (i) Any additional information requested by the board needed to establish eligibility.
- (2) An application is active for one year after which a new application and fee are required.
- (3) An applicant who is under investigation for possible violation of the Nurse Practice Act may not be issued a license until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Board. The license may be denied or sanctioned despite the applicant meeting all other criteria for licensure.

Shilling moved to adopt the proposed amendments to Board Rule 410-3-.02. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **Rule 410-3-.02 Licensure by Endorsement (LPN)**

- (1) An applicant for licensure by endorsement, including a military spouse and a transitioning service member as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34(a), who is licensed as a licensed practical nurse in another U.S. state, territory or district must submit the following:
  - (a) A complete application containing data required by the board attesting that all information contained in, or referenced by, the application is complete and accurate and is not false or misleading;
  - (b) The required application processing fee which is not refundable;
  - (c) Completed registration as required by the Board to cause the submission of a criminal background check as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-26-36.1;
  - (d) Official transcripts documenting graduation from an approved nursing education program as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-26-32(1.1) prior to passing the licensing examination recognized by the Board;
  - (e) Verification of licensure from the original licensing jurisdiction which documents one of the following:
    1. Prior to July 1982-a score of 350 on the SBTPE;
    2. Beginning October 1982 to September 1988-a minimum score of 350 on the NCLEX-PN
    3. October 1988 and after, must have achieved a passing report on the NCLEX-PN;
  - (f) Verification of current, active licensure in another NCLEX jurisdiction;
  - (g) Documentation of one of the following within four years immediately preceding the date of application:
    1. Five hundred (500) hours of licensed practice as a licensed practical nurse as documented on the verification of employment form provided by the Board;
    2. Completion of a Board approved reentry program as defined in Rule 410-4-.04.
  - (h) Secure and verifiable documentation of United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States as required by Georgia law; and
  - (i) Any additional information requested by the board needed to establish eligibility.
  - (2) An application is active for one year after which a new application and fee are required.
  - (3) An applicant who is under investigation for possible violation of the Nurse Practice Act may not be issued a license until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Board. The license may be denied or sanctioned despite the applicant meeting all other criteria for licensure.

Lockwood moved that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Rowe moved, Fort seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h); 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative cases and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, June 26, 2017, Hooper declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

**CASE REVIEW (Legal and Discipline cases)**

**(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)**

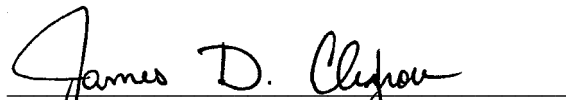
**RNI160728** – Shilling moved to refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a summary suspension. May petition to lift after completion of methadone treatment and documentation of ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI170245** – Rowe moved to refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a summary suspension. May petition to lift upon completion of treatment and documentation of ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI170350** – Fletcher moved to refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a summary suspension or private order restricting practice to non clinical settings; requiring quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy); substance abuse stipulations; treatment language; work restrictions; monthly PETH tests for 12 months; random quarterly urine drug screens thereafter and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Licensee must seek Board approval prior to any employment change. Fort seconded the motion and it carried with Barton and Hooper opposing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned June 26, 2017 at 9:40 a.m.

  
Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP **President**

  
James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**